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## Maradona No. 2 to face young 'Roos

Look out you young Aussies! Those of you in the under 16 team will be playing against Maradona in July.

No, not Diego Maradona. He's too old. His younger brother Hugo, whom Diego reckons to be even better than himself.

Yes, better, or at least promising to be better, than the great Diego, the one the Italians have dubbed Pibe de Oro (Golden Boy), the man who cost Napoli \$9 million and who is, without doubt, the biggest money earner in the game's history.

Young Hugo has some uncanny resemblance to his brother — in physique as well as in genius. And he appears to be following Diego's exact footsteps.

He starred in the recent South American under 16 championship for Argentina which beat Brazil 3-2 in the final to qualify for the world under 16 finals in China.

He seems destined to star for Argentina at youth level (under 20s) where Diego truly made his mark in the 1978 finals in Japan.

The Maradona bloodline must be reeking with soccer genes. There are three Maradonas, all three of them professional soccer players.

Raul of Boca

Least successful, so far, is Raul who is currently with Boca Juniors but is yet to make the first team. Diego has always spoken about "an even better Maradona" the world has yet to see. It appears to be young Hugo.

In a recently published article, an Italian correspondent reported back from Argentina that the boy is a "real Maradona": chunky and build, with the same enthusiasm, the same vision in his passes and the same thundering free kicks.

The Argentine under 16 team is drawn in the same group as Australia in China. Others in Group B, based in Tianjin, are the Congo (I thought that country's been renamed Zaire) and West Germany.

Magician

The Aussies will be up against it, especially as the tournament may unearth yet another magician called Maradona — at Australia's expense.

Aussie coach Vic Dalglish was unaware of the Maradona connection before I broke it to him last week. Not that it would matter much. The under 16 set-up has no budget for spying missions and the like, and the only hope Dalglish has is an opportunity to see his opponents on video before the finals.

If Hugo Maradona is anywhere as talented as his illustrious brother, a thousand spying missions and videos would not help anyway.

Besides, what would the world be coming to if 16-year-old players were to start worrying about blotting players out of the game?

Diego Maradona, in the real

South American tradition, is a true family man. The tumultuous entourage of relatives that continually follows him around is legend in both Naples and Barcelona. His contract with Napoli, for instance, includes return airline tickets between Argentina and Italy for every member of his immediate family.



Doug Brown

**And now  
Brown  
has a go**

By  
CRAIG  
MACKENZIE

"This must be the only country in the world where the top scorer doesn't get into the national team."

No, this is not another attack on national coach Frank Arok from a South Melbourne Hellas player. No, the player involved, Doug Brown, wasn't "put up to it", one of many ridiculous claims following team mate Charlie Egan's revelations about the national team.

This simply is Brown telling it like it is. Unprompted, unabashed, and only speaking to me because I decided to interview him.

"I thought I had a big chance of going on the world tour last year. I'd just had probably my best season in Australia. The team won everything, and I finished as leading league scorer, for the second year running."

Second year running? Invited to training camps before the world tour and when he phoned a national team staffer he was told Arok preferred "big, strong-running lads" and that a scoring chance Brown had blown against Iraklis had harmed his chances of selection.

Brown, like most Melburnians, is critical of what he sees as a Sydney bias in national team selection.

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Thus, when Diego talks about wanting to bring young Hugo to Italy, he can be taken seriously. Italian journalists, and more than likely club scouts, are taking serious enough to already predict that the Maradona brothers, all three, will one day play in Italy, probably in the same club.

"We'd make a good team," says Diego.

But for that to happen, the Italian soccer people would have to legislate to allow three foreigners per team instead of two.

Given the success Diego has had at Naples, what is that when the reward is three Maradonas?



LES MURRAY



Hugo Maradona

## Cut out my tongue — Egan

### EDITORIAL

I disapprove of what you say but I will defend to the death your right to say it — VOLTAIRE

Philosophers through the ages have made a life's work of trying to elevate human thought through truth. Idealists have gone to the gallows and the guillotine for the sake of truth and personal freedom.

The American Declaration of Independence begins: "We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

Liberty is the concept with which we are concerned when pondering the ASF's decision to fine Charlie Egan of SM-Hellas \$500 for expressing his opinions in the Press. Liberty means freedom of expression both overt and covert — especially intellectual freedom to think whatever one wishes to say or think. Laws of libel and slander are in place to protect those who might be harmed verbally by the over-zealous or the vindictive. Further controls on our personal liberty are unnecessary — indeed, they are abhorrent.

Going one step further, we would hazard to guess that the ASF's fine on Egan would prove illegal were it put to the test in a court of law.

Totalitarian societies have no time for freedom of speech. They are founded on repression and the last thing they want is complaints from the repressed. Former World Cup goalkeeper Jack Reilly, now a VSF board member, has spoken with concern about a "reign of fear" in relation to the workings of the national team through the years. An extention of Reilly's argument — be it accurate or gross exaggeration — would be that the \$500 fine is a further manifestation of that reign.

Egan inflicted punishment on himself in withdrawing from the national team and criticising the way it was run. He said representing Australia was one of the highlights of his career, yet he knows that as a consequence of his actions, he never again will strut the international stage. The ASF has the right to choose or exclude any player in putting together a national team. It should not, however, have the right to tamper with a player's personal liberties.

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# Can we find \$5 mil. and 270,000 fans?

Last week came the announcement that Sir Arthur George has pulled off "the biggest coup" in our soccer history, by securing the 1988 Gold Cup for Australia, to coincide with our Bicentenary.

According to the communiqué, FIFA has agreed for Australia to stage the Gold Cup, featuring all the former world champion sides plus the Socceroos.

I don't doubt at all that his is correct. FIFA probably did agree. Of course, it doesn't mean that those involved will accept.

Let me be, as usual, a Devil's Advocate. I find it hard to believe that such a tournament will be staged in Australia in 1988. I'll explain the reasons for my skepticism.

A Gold Cup was staged in Uruguay in December 1980-January 1981, commemorating the 50th anniversary of the first World Cup also held in that country.

All participants were guaranteed every expense — travel, hotel, meals etc. plus \$150,000 (US) a match. The three Europeans — West



Sir Arthur George

Germany, Italy and Holland — all returned home with a net \$300,000, as did Argentina. The finalists, Uruguay and Brazil, received \$450,000.

That means more than \$2 million in gate shares — and probably another \$2 or \$3 million in other expenses.

For that, Montevideo first of all had to produce the gate takings. The seven matches — round robins in two groups of three and the final — were

watched by a total of 270,000 fans — an average of almost 40,000.

A combination ticket for the seven matches — all staged in Montevideo's Centenario Stadium — cost a week's wages, say, in Australian terms, \$300.

Then the TV rights. A strong Mexican bid was turned down and the rights were sold to a strange Greek, a Mr Vulgaris(?) representing the Strasad Trading & Investment Co. — paying \$3.5 million for the TV rights.

He later resold to South America and Europe, at a profit.

Can we all do this? Does Arthur George seriously suggest that we can produce crowds of 40,000 as an average, with people paying about \$30 to \$50 for a seat? And does he know where to find that Mr Vulgaris?

The first difficulty would be to secure the participation of all former World Cup winners. (And, by the way, there are six, not five, as reported in the daily Press, who left off Argentina.)

England declined in 1980 because the Dec 30-Jan 10

period would have interfered with the domestic season, so Holland, twice runner-up, took England's place.

Italy found it very difficult to go but West Germany barely managed it, thanks to its usual brief winter break.

Only the South Americans can chop and change their domestic schedules to accommodate any international commitment.

Clearly, such a tournament as Australia could only be staged in the June-July period when there is off season in Europe.

But in 1988 they will be playing the European Championship finals, in West Germany — at the same period. If no one else, at least the Germans will be involved.

Finally, there is the TV problem. The only way such a huge expensive venture can be profitable is through live TV.

But as Europe is some 10 hours behind us, we would have to start our games



## THE ANDREW DETTRE COLUMN

at 4am or so to make peak viewing time in Europe.

And for delayed telecast, the fee payable is usually a tiny fraction of what live broadcasts can fetch.

Italy, too, has considered holding a Gold Cup in 1984, to commemorate the 50th year of its first victory — then, faced with the financial and technical difficulties, dropped the idea.

And it has been dormant ever since — until now when Sir Arthur has decided to take it out of the mothballs.

It's either a clever gimmick on his part — or a sign of naivety. And he has been anything but naive in the years I've known him.

Of course, he could be wrong. Sir Arthur could get a big payoff from the federal government or private sponsors for the event. I would say about five million dollars would do the trick.

But somehow, I don't believe we will have this Gold Cup here.

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Charlie Egan

soccer to remain hushed up and what has to be told, come what may?

Any journalist who ever travelled with a sporting team must have pondered these questions. I know I did.

Because, let's be honest about it, just about every team produces its share of "stories". Where a bunch of young men spend a few weeks together, in a foreign land, enjoying a good degree of anonymity, chances are that some less disciplined and more primitive souls will let out of line.

Should that be reported by the journalists? Uinating in a department store is definitely low-brow — but, unless police are involved, perhaps not a mortal sin.

How about two players having a brawl? That again is not a great news story — unless they do it in the Sistine Chapel, the foyer of Windsor Castle or the Elysee Palace.

Players of the same team or of different teams involved in fistfights, sometimes with their own coaches too. But is that of such huge interest back home to the readers?

Sex, of course, is always a fascinating topic — but super taboo.

Consequently, the upshots of some casual sexual encounters are equally suppressed. And, really, why not? In what way would it concern the average reader? Why should he, for 30 cents, be privy to such saucy, piquant details about another man's life?

Naturally, the line has to be drawn somewhere beyond which a reporter's silence cannot be regarded as automatic.

But, on the whole, I'd say it's not up to reporters to preach good behaviour and establish high moral standards for the players.

Neither is it, by any means, up to a player to emerge with his sensational charges — six months after the event!

If Charlie Egan had been so obtuse as to be going on to the field the need to throw away his international career, he should have done it last November, when the party returned from Europe — and not now when the addition of many new players to the squad has made his place more insecure.

## And to think they used to call him soft

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

He was dubbed "Rocky" after doing one-handed push-ups à la Sylvester Stallone. Sydney City Hakoah and Socceroo stopper Steve O'Connor is a strong man who fears no-one.

He's also a ferocious competitor. Ask any NSW forward. And he hates losing so much that he won't read the newspapers for a week after Hakoah is beaten.

Yet his coach, Eddie Thomson, used to say that O'Connor was soft!

"Eddie used to tell me that I'd never last in Scottish football because I wasn't tough enough," said O'Connor.

"I guess I went a bit overboard there for a while. I got too physical and got lumped with this tough guy badge but that's the past. My game's a lot more balanced now."

Which doesn't mean that there's less aggression. It's just channeled into more appropriate areas at more discrete times.

"All the top teams can kick as well as play. It's like that all over the world. In a lot of cases it can overrule the opposition, once they see that you can't be intimidated," said the 30-year-old Sydneysider.

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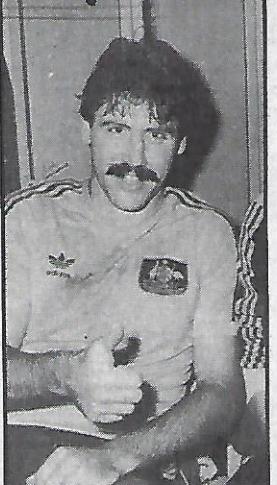
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Croatia's coming up to Hakoah's standard



• STEVE O'CONNOR: Confident about World Cup.

"Look, the hardest thing for Australia to do is to get guys who are cheeky enough to take the ball and realize that they can play too."

"You've got to go out there confident in your ability as a team for if we don't do it as a team, we'll get slaughtered in the World Cup."

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The highlight of O'Connor's career with Hakoah so far came in 1977, when the club won the championship in the first year of the National League.

"It was a really great thrill winning that first title because everything was new. We'd had plenty of success since but I think we got a bit blasé about it all."

The current Hakoah side has got plenty of good young boys just itching for a game. There are the older blokes too, guys like Joe Watson, Murray Barnes and — the old guard — but these youngsters have to prove that they're good enough to take our spots.

"We play it hard but fair down our way. It's pretty competitive you know, even at training. In fact, you get just as many injuries during one of our Tuesday training games against the youth team as you do on match day."

"It's great to see Croatia coming up and doing well. It's up to other teams to prove that they're good enough to beat us. It's up to them to bring their standards up to ours and if they do that, it's great for the game."

O'Connor has won few personal honors during his career. He was runner-up in Hakoah's Player of the Year award once.

He's in his 14th season with Hakoah and that kind of loyalty is rare in team sport.

Let's go out with O'Connor's selection of his best Hakoah side, made up of players at the club during his era:

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## The Zico drama continues.

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He can't go anywhere, because he's handed in his passport, voluntarily, so no one can accuse him of trying to run away from a taxation investigation in Italy!

How long that will go on is anyone's guess. Whether they give his passport back so he can go either to Brazil or Aus-

tralia through a London firm of industrial brokers. In less than two years in Italy Zico's image and name have earned player and club around 1.5 million pounds.

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# Will Juve turn 'Pool into puddles?



• John Wark  
(Liverpool)

Ten of the players beaten by Australia 2-0 at the Sydney Cricket Ground last year are in the Juventus squad that meets Liverpool in the European Cup final on May 29 — but a Juventus victory depends on Michel Platini, the man who missed the Australian tour.

Platini, captain of France, wants to win the European Cup this year and the World Cup next year, and then retire.

At 29, he is poised to win the Italian league goalscorer prize for the third successive season, and no-one has done that since the days of Gunnar Nordahl in the early 1950s.

When Liverpool lost 0-2 to Juventus in the European Super Cup on January 16 in Turin, it gave Platini acres of space in which to work, with the result that he provided the spadework for the victory, achieved through two goals by Zbigniew Boniek, who played so brilliantly in Australia.

But Joe Fagan's men are certain to employ their containment game this time, intent on restricting space available to Platini and preventing the bursts of pace from Boniek and Massimo Briasci.

At the same time, though, Liverpool's strikers Kenny Dalglish and Ian Rush will feel downright claustrophobic because Juventus gets so many men behind the ball every time they lose it.

Juventus coach Giovanni Trapattoni believes it will be third time lucky. Juve is appearing in its third final in 12 years, having lost its previous two.

This time, Juve aims to turn the 'Pool into puddles.'

But Liverpool's record is impressive. It will be playing in its fifth European final in eight years, and has won all four previous finals.

• The final is being played in Brussels and will be telecast by SBS Television.

Likely teams:-

## LIVERPOOL

Bruce	Liverpool		
GROBBELAAR, 27			
Phil NEALE, 34	Mark LAWRENSON, 27	Alan HANSEN, 29	KENNEDY, 30

Sammy LEE, 26	Steve NICOL, 23	John WARK, 27	Ronnie WHELAN, 23
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Kenny DALGELLAH, 34	Ian RUSH, 23
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Subs: Kevin Macdonald, 24 (midfield); Bob Boulder, 26 (goal); Jim Beglin, 21, (lft back); Gary Gillespie, 24 (defence); Paul Walsh, 22 (striker).

## JUVENTUS

Luciano BODINI, 30
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Luciano FAVERO, 27	Sergio BRIASCHI, 27	Gaetano SCIREA, 32	Antonio CABRINI, 27
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Massimo BRIASCHI, 27	Messimo BONINI, 25	Michel PLATINI, 29	Marco TARDELLI, 30
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Paolo ROSSI, 28	Zbigniew BONIEK, 29
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Subs: Stefano Tacconi, 28 (goal); Nicola Cicala, 22 (lft back); Claudio Piatto, 19 (defence); Brenaminno Vignola, 25 (striker).

• Liverpool has lost its two biggest games of the season so far — one of them against Juventus, which it meets in the European Cup final.

The losses were in the European Super Cup and the World Club Cup.

## EUROPEAN SUPERCUP

Stadio Comunale, Turin —  
Jan 16 JUVENTUS 2 (Boniek 40,  
78) LIVERPOOL 0

## JUVENTUS:

Bodini, Favero, Cabrini, Bonini, Brio, Scirea, Briasci, Tardelli, Rossi, Plantini, Boniek.

LIVERPOOL: Grobbelaar — Neal, Kennedy, Lawrenson (Gillespie 46), Nicol, Hansen, Walsh, Whelan, Rush, McDonald, Wark.

## WORLD CLUB CUP

FINAL Tokyo (National Olympic Stadium) — December 9, 1984

## INDEPENDIENTE

1 (Percudani 6) LIVERPOOL 0

LIVERPOOL: Grobbelaar — Neale, Gillespie, Hansen, Kennedy — Molby, Dalglish, Nicol, Wark (12 Whelan, 76th) — Johnston, Rush.

## INDEPENDIENTE:

Goyen — Clausen, Villaverde (Monzon, 74th), Trossero, Enrique, Burruchaga, Gristi, Marangoni, Bochini — Percudani, Barberon.



• Paolo Rossi  
(Juventus)



## Tasios for young 'Roos?

### Kanesoulis out, Tasios in?

That's a distinct possibility as coach Jim Shoulder (in the tracksuit) ponders the composition of the national youth squad for the World Youth Championships in the USSR in August-September.

Shoulder has said he is watching Heidelberg's Steve Tasios (left), who impressed him during trials last year.

And John Kanesoulis of Hellas (right) doubts whether he'll hold his place in the squad, due to lack of match practice.

It's up to the coaches for Kanesoulis, the resident bench-warmer at Hellas.

Hellas coach Len McKendry prevented Kanesoulis from going to Singapore with the national squad for the Merlion Cup late last year, saying he required the midfielder for the NSL finals. Kanesoulis played for all of one finals match and was a substitute in two others.

— LAURIE SCHWAB

Because he hadn't gone to Singapore, he was only a reserve player during the World Youth Championships qualifying series and now his Soccerco position is in doubt.

Although voted Victorian Under 21 Player of the Year, Kanesoulis has been pushed into the background by McKendry who said in the press a few weeks ago that even if injuries were to create a vacancy in the Hellas team, he would give preference to the other substitute, Vlado Bozovski. As it turned out though, Kanesoulis did get a run due to injuries to others.

Kanesoulis would be a valuable asset to any NSL club. He does not have a contract with Hellas.

Alternatively, Hellas could loan him out to a State League club to aid his development as a player, and recall him in 1986.

— LAURIE SCHWAB

## Bring out

### Platini or Rossi

The talk around Fairfield way is that Marconi is trying to sign Paolo Rossi or Michel Platini as a guest player and what a boost for Australian soccer that would be.

It's just talk at this stage, though. No doubt the Marconi brains trust has to look closely at the money involved for the outlay to get these guys here and to insure them makes the mind boggle.

Kevin Keegan's guest stint with Blacktown has rekindled interest in the guest player concept and quite a few clubs around Australia are trying to

## KAT'S CORNER

with PETER KATHOLOS

bring out top class players from overseas. Apart from Rossi and Platini, other names bandied about include Dalglish, Rush, Ardiles, Mavros, Anastopoulos and Sarakos.

If just one of these stars comes out there will be full houses wherever he plays.

A few guest players have a huge impact on the Australian media, which only can be good for the game.

I'll wait for it. Let's bring out these guys but only the best, not guys who, although they're good professionals and are a class above as far as Australian soccer is concerned, aren't in the really top

bracket and aren't well known out here.

### Marconi in form

Marconi has hit his straps and is scoring freely. A lot of that has to do with Rod Brown's return but Mark Janekovic still getting among the goals.

With Brown, Jankovic and David O'Leary in form, I am confident that Marconi can finish in the top four this year at least, even though it's early days.

Just imagine what would



happen if Rossi or Platini came out. The adrenaline certainly would be pumping around Fairfield.

### Andy's king of the fans

Olympic commands a huge following but easily its most fanatical supporter is the most called "Andy".

He's followed us for 20 years and anyone at Olympic can tell you about the impact he has on the players and other Olympic fans.

Andy shouts, screams, yells and generally goes berserk when we're playing. If you didn't know him, you'd reckon that he's fairly strange but actually he's a really down-to-earth bloke. His famous chant is: "We are blue, we are white, we are bloody dynamite." You'll hear that at any Olympic game.

You'll also hear it at his work. He can't stop talking about Olympic.

Andy runs a soft drink business and easily is the most colourful and recognisable Olympic fan.

He's one of our best supporters and Australian soccer could do with more like him to create a tremendous atmosphere among the fans.

• Sunshine-George Cross's star import Tyrone James (left) marks Adelaide Juventus striker Joe Mullen at Chapman Reserve last Sunday. Picture: LES SHORROCK.

## McAdam seeks club

• Adelaide Juventus so far is the only Australian club to make a concrete offer to Glasgow Rangers defender Colin McAdam, recently freed.

McAdam is a former Dumbarton and Partick Thistle player and joined Rangers in the late 1970s. He made his name as a striker and was leading scorer in the Scottish First Division with Thistle when Rangers signed him. Latterly he has been used as a centre defender.

McAdam toured Australia last year with Rangers. He is pictured after breaking his leg at the SCG when Rangers lost 2-3 to Australia A.

He's fully recovered and keen to play. Clubs interested in approaching McAdam can do so through Sydney Hakoah coach Eddie Thomson, who can be contacted at home on (02) 349 8710.



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# Yugoslavs on the way

By LAURIE SCHWAB

## VSF Travel

The VSF Travel Club, in association with Ametco Travel, provides a trip to Europe flying Thai International to the top scorer in the NSL Southern Division.

Leaders  
9 Egan (SMH)  
6 Stevenson (H'b)  
5 Reis (BC), Latif (SGC), Cole, Smith (Mak), Lewis (GG).  
4 Price (WAH), Zinni (BUJ), Ward (M.Cr.)  
3 Luis (JUST), Spink (Mak), Brown (SMH), House (M.G.), Incantalo (BUJ), Tassios (H'b), Konstandopoulos (WAH), Vilani, Rankin (AC).

## Youth games

**VICTORIAN YOUTH LEAGUE:** Frankston Pines 3 Pre-makdonia 3, Footscray JUST 2 Green Gully 1, Melb Croatia 1 B.U. Juventus 1, Croydon City 0 St Melb Hellas 1, Sunshine G.X. 6 Fawkner 1, Heidelberg-Alexander 5 Nunawading City 1.

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Makdonia	6	3	3	10	15	15
Heidelberg	5	4	3	38	15	14
B.U. Juventus	5	4	1	31	15	14
Footscray JUST	7	0	3	23	12	14
St Melb Hellas	6	2	2	19	13	14
Green Gully	5	1	4	28	16	13
Sunshine G.X.	5	1	8	18	22	13
Fawkner	4	3	3	16	18	11
Heidelberg-Alexander	2	2	6	11	32	6
Nunawading City	1	3	5	6	18	4
Frankston Pines	3	1	5	18	48	3
Croydon City	3	0	3	35	2	2

**Summer games:** Sunshine-George Cross v Footscray JUST, Preston Makdonia v Green Gully, South Melbourne Hellas v Frankston Pines, Brunswick Juventus v Croydon City, Nunawading City v Melbourne Croatia, Fawkner v Heidelberg-Alexander.

## NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE

Wollongong 2 d AIS 1, Penrith 1 d Marconi 0, Croatia 1 draw with Olympic 1, St George 2 d Sydney City 1, Marconi 1 d Newcastle 0, Leichhardt 2 d Blacktown 0, Wollongong 1 d Canberra 0. Pointscore: Canberra 14, Sydney City 12, Wollongong 12, St George 12, Leichhardt 11, AIS 9, Newcastle 9, Croatia 7, Blacktown 7, Penrith 7, Monaro 7, Olympic 6, Marconi 5.

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Three Yugoslav recruits are expected to fly in this week to join Footscray J.U.S.T. in time for its relegation battle against Sunshine-George Cross at Chaplin Reserve on Sunday.

They are:  
LUCA BONECIC, 29, a striker from Yugoslav Third Division club Noretva, who previously was with Hajduk Split, VFL Bochum in West Germany and Malaga in Spain, and who failed to arrive on schedule last Saturday due to a visa problem.

MILENKO KIKOVIC, 30, a striker from Third Division club Obilic who previously was with Rad in Belgrade.

JADRANKO KODJO, 24, a midfielder who spent four years with Partizan Belgrade and now is with Obilic.

In addition, J.U.S.T. has Branko Buljevic back in action after an 18-month retirement, and Ilijas Taseski is expected to return after injury, although Bill Lazapoulos and Brian O'Donnell remain sidelined.

Kodjo and Kikovic have been recommended by Yusuf Hatunic, who guested with J.U.S.T. in 1982.

Former J.U.S.T. striker Dragomir Vasic, who was expected to join Royal Richmond from Broadmeadows this week, described Kikovic and Kodjo as "excellent" players.

George Cross, meanwhile, has been strengthened by Tyrone James (see page 3) and despite its 1-2 loss to Adelaide Juventus, will prove a tough nut to crack.

Green Gully also feels the chill wind of relegation after its loss to J.U.S.T., but there's a chance that Jim Murray and perhaps David Smallman will return for the match against Makedonia at Connor Reserve.

Makedonia, however, will have two big guns — Ian Dobson and Con Ospasini back in the team. Makedonia's results have not been impressive, so Green Gully may be able to snatch a point.

Sydney Croatia's fire power has been made even more lethal by the return of Emil Dragicevic from Inter-Monaro. With Jim

## PLAYERS' UNION

Players who have been trying to contact Richard Wilson (Makedonia) about starting a players' union are advised that he had to rush to New Zealand due to a death in the family.

## Team of the Week

In brackets: number of appearances in team of the week.

FRANKEN (1)  
(Can. Olymp)

KYRIAKOULEAS (1) (Feats JUST)  
HONEYMAN (5) (WA-Hellas)  
ROZIC (3) (Syd. Croatia)  
OWENS (1) (Newc.-Rosebud)

TASIOS (1) (H'berg-Alexander)  
MIRANDA (2) (BU-Juventus)  
PIMBLETT (1) (Brish City)

THAMNIDIS (4) (Inter-Monaro)  
ENGLISH (1) (Can Olymp)  
BRADLEY (1) (Blacktown)

Weekend NSL matches with likely winners in capitals:

SATURDAY

NEWCASTLE-ROSEBUD v Penrith at Adamstown Oval, 2.30pm

SUNDAY

Sunshine-George Cross v FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. at Chaplin Reserve, 3pm

Preston-Makedonia v Green Gully (draw) at Connor Reserve, 3pm

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS v West Adelaide Hellas at Middle Park, 3pm

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS v Brisbane City at Olympic Park No 2, 3pm

Brisbane Lions v Melbourne Crocs (draw) at Richlands, 3pm

Adelaide City Juventus v Heidelberg-Alexander (draw) at Olympic Sports Field, 2.30pm

APIA-Leichhardt v SYDNEY CROATIA at Lambert Park, 3pm

MARCONI v Sydney Olympic at Marconi Stadium, 3pm

ST GEORGE BUDAPEST v Inter-Monaro at St George Stadium, 3pm

Cronulla City Olympians v SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH at Bruce Stadion, 3pm

BLACKTOWN v Wollongong, Gabbie Stadium, 3pm.

## NSL NORTHERN DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
SYDNEY CROATIA	6	2	1	23	10	14
MARCONI	5	3	1	23	14	13
SYD CITY HAKOAH	6	1	2	19	10	13
BLACKTOWN	5	2	3	18	10	12
CANBERRA OLYMPIANS	4	4	2	16	12	12
APIA-Leichhardt	4	1	4	14	14	9
Penrith	3	2	4	11	11	8
Sydney Olympic	4	0	6	8	15	8
St George Budapest	2	3	4	10	17	7
Newcastle-Rosebud	2	3	4	13	26	5
Wollongong	2	1	6	13	26	5
Inter-Monaro	2	0	8	13	28	4

## NSL SOUTHERN DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS	5	4	1	13	7	14
MELBOURNE CROATIA	5	3	2	13	5	13
STH MELB HELLAS	5	3	2	16	12	13
H'BERG-ALEXANDER	5	2	3	16	9	12
BRISBANE LIONS	4	3	3	7	7	11
Brisbane City	4	2	4	13	13	10
Preston Makedonia	4	2	4	15	16	10
West Adel Hellas	3	3	4	11	12	9
Green Gully	2	4	4	10	12	8
George Cross	2	4	4	13	18	8
Adel City Juventus	2	0	8	9	21	4
Footscray JUST	2	0	8	9	21	4

## BORAL BRICKS

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## Honeyman again

Graham Honeyman (West Adelaide Hellas) has come from behind to resume leadership in the voting for the Boral Bricks \$1500 Player of the Year award.

And Mark Janjovics of Marconi now is only one goal behind leader Charlie Egan (SW-Hellas) in the Boral Bricks \$1000 top scorers' award.

Top vote-getters:  
9. Egan (SMH).  
8. Janjovics (M).  
7. Arnold, Patikas (S.Cr.).  
6. Dragicevic (S.Cr.), Stevenson (H'b).

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STOP PRESS—Australian Soccer Pools convert from the British soccer season to the Australian season as of this weekend.

## Pools go Australian

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS 3 (Price 47th and 57th, Scott 42nd) PRESTON 1 (Cole 42nd) at Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd: 25,000. Ratings by Allan Crisp.

WEST ADELAIDE Crook 8 — McGregor 7, Honeyman 9, Brown 8, Hiern 7, Scott 8, Asstas 8, Maroun 8, Panagis 7 — Price 8, Konstantopoulos 8, Coach: Neil McGarvey.

PRESTON MAKEDONIA: Trajanedes 6 — Heys 7, McMillan 8, Picutis 6 (Patikas 6), Petrovski 6 (Gagic 79th) — Dunn 8, Illoski 7, Lane 8 — Smith 8, Spink 8, Cole 6, Coach: Bill Murray.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6 Honeyman (WAH). 5. Manou (WAH). 4. Lane (PM). 3. Konstandopoulos (WAH). 2. Smith (PM). 1. Scott (WAH).

BRISBANE CITY 2 (Fazirio 68th, Reis 81st) SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 1 (Brown 27th) at Spencer Park. Crowd: 1613. Ratings by Ricky Rosso:

8. BRISBANE CITY: Wihart 8 — Junna 6, Mengotti 8, Wilkinson 7, Bromfield 7 — Hamilton 6, Pimbblett 8, Fabrizio 7 — Letteri 5 (Glockner halftime), Scrivings 7, Reis 7, Coach: Jim Hermiston.

HELLAS: Laumets 7 — Russell 8, McDowell 6, Blair 7, Postecogou 7-Bozinovski 6, Halford 7, Crino 7, Egan 8, Brown 7, Coach: Len McKenry.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6 Pimbblett (BC). 5. Egan (SMH). 4. Mengotti (BC). 3. Russell (SMH). 2. Wishart (BC). 1. Blair (SMH).

HEIDELBERG ALEXANDER 2 (Valentine 22nd, Tasiros 89th) BRISBANE LIONS 0 at Olympic Village. Crowd: 1200. Ratings by Ken Kontra:

HEIDELBERG ALEXANDER: Oliver 8 — McKin 7, Angle 7, Yanous 8, Marley 7, Tasiros 8, Christopoulos 6, Metaxas 7, Semelide 8, Stevenson 7 (Vlachos 6, 49th); Valentine 7, Coach: Brian Garvey.

BRISBANE LIONS: Evans 7, McSkimming 6, Hunter 8, T. Redmond 7 (Vlachos 81st), Niven 6 — R. Stewart 7 (Anderson 82nd); J. Stewart 8, O'Dean 7 — P. Redmond 7, Daunt 6, Wright 7, Coach: Gordon Arrowsmith.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6 Thamnides (Inter). 5. Rogers 7, Phillips 7, Rakopoulos 6 — Petalas 6, Koussas 6, Kalandzis 7 (Vlachos 66th), Coach: Michael Schaefer.

Best six for Boral Bricks Player of the Year award: 6 Rozic (S.Cr.). 5. Patikas (S.Cr.). 4. Juri 7, Odzaković (S.Cr.). 3. Kalantzas 7 (DOKOS) 6. DOKOS (S.A.).

INTER-MONARO (Thamnides 24th) NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD 2 (Kerby 24th, Owens 44th) at Seiffert Oval. Crowd: 928. Ratings by Peter Windsor:

MONARO: Hoszowski 7 — Walsh 7, Budini 8, Dachs 7, Gappetti 7 (D'Addario, 65th) — Wilcox 7, Carbone 7, Djordjević 6 (Dometzatovic, 57th) — Thamnides 9, Giampaolo 7, Monterroso 7, Coach: Frank Macarone.

NEWCASTLE: Gosling 7 — Maier 7, Thompson 7, Boogaard 7, Owens 8 — McCullough 7, Sankalisa 7 — Kerby 7, Todd 7, Milosevic 7, Coach: Willie Gallagher.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6 Thamnides (Inter). 5. Budini (Inter). 4. Owens (NW). 3. Sankalisa (NR). 2. Boogaard (NR). 1. Dachs (Inter).

SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH 1 (Gomez 68th) ST. GEORGE BUDAPEST 0 at Sydney Athletic Field. Crowd: 1400. Rating by Andrew Dettre:

HAKOAH: Pezzano 6 — Cant 7, Robertson 8, O'Connor 7, De Magrigny 6 (Kafouris 46th) — Gomez 7, Watson 7, Barnes 7 — Farina 7, Kosmina 8, Fletcher 7, Lee (75th), Coach: Eddie Thomson.

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# Rozic reigns supreme

**Man of the match:**  
**VEDRAN ROZIC**  
(Syd. Croatia)

**Syd. Croatia 5**  
**Syd. Olympic 0**  
Venue: Croatian Sports Centre  
Crowd: about 10,500.

Sydney Croatia striker Jim Patikas helped to crush his former club Sydney Olympic 5-0 with two superb goals in six minutes near the end of

play at the Croatian Sports Centre.

Joining the alert Patikas with two goals was central striker Graham Arnold and newly acquired left winger Emil Dragicevic notched the other.

The excitable 10,281 crowd was the second highest ever recorded at the ground, the best being 13,100 against St George in 1981.

With the last three goals arriving in an eight minute burst, Olympic coach Manfred Schaefer was entitled to wonder what had hit him.

Schaefer said afterwards:

"It was the worst defeat I can remember being involved in. Having said that it would have been no surprise if we had led 4-0 at halftime and we had some great second half chances as well."

Certainly Olympic had the lion's share in the first half but strikers Matt Kossas, Stuart Johnson (twice) and Chris Kalantzis all fluffed their lines when a goal was on.

Johnston, playing up front, invariably did everything right until he took his final shot, but Olympic's goose was cooked when winger Terry Patalis missed in the 72nd minute.

Jurin and Arnold combined to set up Patikas' 86th minute goal and he scored again from a Jurin corner six minutes later.

In the 94th minute, Arnold netted his second, but it was sweeper and captain-coach Vedran Rozic who had set the scene with his brilliant defending and pin-point passing.

**Dragicevic angers Monaro**

By  
**PETER WINDSOR**

NSL wooden spoons Inter-Monaro is \$10,000 out-of-pocket over the incredible saga of Croatian front-runner Emil Dragicevic.

And that's official — at least if one can believe the account of the saga in the club's own program.

Dragicevic played only three or four games for Inter Monaro before returning to Sydney Croatia... but not before scoring five goals.

Talking about the Monaro game which Monaro lost 4-1, the program states: "Monaro took the field without its leading scorer, Emil Dragicevic, who is wanted by league leader Sydney Croatia."

"Dragicevic was cleared to

Monaro by his Yugoslav club but Sydney Croatia claims ownership of his registration card on the basis of an agreement allegedly made with a member of Monaro's soccer committee who has since re-signed.

"Revelations of the deal with Sydney Croatia, which states that Dragicevic was to be transferred to the Sydney club after playing a few matches with Monaro, came as a complete surprise to the members of the Marco Polo board and to club supporters. Sydney Croatia has offered to compensate Monaro a sum of \$6,000 for expenses incurred in getting an international clearance for Dragicevic but a club official stated that Dragicevic already has cost the club around \$10,000."

"As it is, the club (Monaro) now has no player and no compensation, not to mention the considerable disruption caused to the team by the sudden disappearance of Dragicevic."

The program's editorial goes on to say that the facts made a mockery of statements made earlier in the season regarding Dragicevic's signing being a real coup.

# JUVENTUS TO KEEP TOP SPOT

**Melb Croatia 0**  
**BU-Juventus 1**

Scorer: Petersen 75th.  
Venue: Olympic Park.  
Crowd: about 3000.  
Referee: Jim Faarn 8.

At this stage of the 1984 season, Juventus was spending its sixth and last week at the top of the Southern Division ladder. Then came injuries, suspensions and other problems which resulted in Juventus just barely qualifying for the finals.

This year, it has taken Juventus until the 11th round to grab league leadership.

Will John Margaritis's men hang on this time?

I think they will.

In fact, I'll stick my neck out and back Juventus to finish on top of the Conference ladder. No championship is involved of course, because to win the grand final play-off between the winners of the finals series in the two conferences. How Juventus will fare there is anyone's guess, but in the meantime, its solid combination of defensive organisation, midfield power as well as flair, and the talents of Andrew Zinni up front, complemented by the bustling strength of Joe Sweeney, will continue to make Juventus harder to beat than any other.

Already, Juventus is unbeaten in nine straight games, though its results against the previous league leader, Croatia, could best be described as a lottery draw. A cross, a sensational low shot by Mike Petersen, who had been having a bad game, in decision by a group of Croatia defenders and that was it! Yet earlier in the game, Croatia's Steve Goeovic had missed the best scoring chance of the 90 minutes.

And so Juventus avenged its 0-2 loss to Croatia in the first round of the National Cup, thus re-establishing the dominance it created over Croatia last year, when it beat Croatia twice (1-0, 2-1) and lost only once (0-3).

Juventus has lost only one NSL game this season — against West Adelaide Hellas (1-2) in the first round! For Croatia, it was the second loss of the season, the other having been against Heidelberg (1-2) in the third round.

Petersen's goal was his second since switching from Heidelberg, and his sixth in the NSL.

Although off form against Croatia, Petersen continues to develop into one of the most valuable players in the NSL and his partnership with the more robust Richard Miranda were just the type of looking for.

Brian Garvey said after the match, that Heidelberg desperately needed a win, having lost three out of the last four matches, and getting on top in a patchy but hard fought encounter was moments like this do a lot to restore one's confidence in the future of our game!

In the 10th minute, it was Taitos who got behind the Brisbane Lion's defence on the left, and his cross was met by Stewart Stevenson, but his header hit the post and the ball was eventually scrambled clear.

Next it was Mike Valentine's turn to deliver the ball from the touchline. Theo Selomidis headed it on and Stewart Stevenson nipped in to push it past the post with the keeper off position.

At this stage Brisbane Lions were hardly in the game and it came as no surprise that in the 20th minute, Heidelberg took the lead. Ian McKie overlapped on the right and Mike Valentine was on the spot to convert his cross from close range.

A minute later, Brisbane had its first shot at goal when John Ogden put the ball over the bar from 10 metres.

In the 30th minute Phil Redmond headed John Stewart's



**Laurie Schwab**

match, but had to do no more than watch as Cullen headed wide after Sweeney had headed the ball square.

Petersen had an easy, unchallenged header from close range in the 64th minute but missed. He made up for it 11 minutes later.

As a cross came over, Petersen said, he anticipated that Joe Sweeney would miss it — and so he did. Petersen latched onto the ball and hit it low from the right-hand side of the area. All the defenders in the box faded to the rear, and the ball landed just inside the far post.

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## Marton a bargain buy



Dez Marton

*Even in this cashless soccer society, brilliant veteran Dez Marton is an absolute bargain at \$2,000. This is the fee his club St. George Budapest has put on his greying head.*

To State League clubs, it's a free transfer offer — but Marton doesn't want to play in the State League, not yet, anyway. Maybe when he gets older than his current youthful 37.

It seems clear that Marton, for years the celebrated ace striker of the Saints, has fallen out with his coach and long-time mentor, Frank Arok.

Marton is reluctant to publicly criticise Arok — it's becoming an expensive business, as Charlie Egan is finding out — but he makes no secret of his view that everything, including the training routine, has changed at the Saints since their glory year of 1983.

"It's best if I leave," Marton says. "Frank doesn't want to give me another chance. A few times this year he sent me in for the last 15 minutes or so to score a goal."

Can you imagine? I am expected to walk in and score at once while the others have been there for 75 minutes."

Marton says he is fit — and trains alone. "I know I can still play NSL soccer if given the chance and can prove to Arok that he should have retained me."

"I feel as fit as I did when I was 10 years younger — and there's not an ounce of fat on me."

So it's the end of a love affair. Arok, who once had coached Marton in Novisied and then brought him to Australia in 1981, wants to put his veteran out to pasture.

But the veteran has other ideas and the old ties are about to be broken, one way or another.

PS: Marton can be reached by clubs on (02) 533 5865.

— ANDREW DETTRE

## Decline of Saints continues



Andrew Dettre

### Sydney City 1 St George 0

Scorer: Gomez 68 min.  
Venue: Sydney Athletic Field  
Referee: Tim Davies  
Cautions: Robertson, J.O.-Shea

One can only hope that Frank Arok's "other team", the Socceroos, will not follow the Saints into their deep, almost spectacular decline.

While officialdom argues with Arok when and how he should or should not become fulltime national coach, his club team, his love since 1969, is going from bad to worse.

No one can wonder if it's more than a coincidence that the two most terrible seasons of St. George under Arok, in seven years of top-level soccer, happened to surface since his appointment as part-time national coach.

However, if St. George is suffering because of this split existence, it is doing it in silence, though not the fans who, last Sunday, let go with an array of caustic remarks after their loss to arch rivals Hakoah.

Hakoah, the better team throughout, had more chances and could have won by a bigger margin.

And yet... it could have been so different. In the 56th minute Slater was brutally fouled inside the box and just about the only person not decrying that as a penalty offence was the referee himself.

The first half was uneven, with only one chance in the 35th minute Kocza headed clear a lob on his line.

Both teams stepped up the tempo after the interval. The Saints looked dangerous whenever Slater began to buzz, showing the speed and dash everybody had expected to see from Farina.

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## McGregor's career ends on Sunday



\* LEFT: WA-Hellas' Chris Menou is sent sprawling in a challenge by Makedonia's Phillip Traianides. Picture by Dick Joyner. Above: Makedonia striker Steve Smith (left), feeling the force of Graham Honeyman. Picture: Frank Hobbs.

**Man of the match:**  
**GRAHAM HONEYMAN**  
**(WA-Hellas)**

## Greek defender to join Westad

### WA Hellas 3 Makedonia 1

Scorer: Price 47th and 57th,  
Scott 53rd (both 2nd).  
Venue: Hindmarsh Stadium.  
Referee: Jim Ross 8.  
Cautions: Nil.

West Adelaide Hellas unleashed a tremendous 10 minute second half burst which resulted three goals to unseat Preston Makedonia in what must be rated a surprise-packed display.

Makedonia earlier had shown no hint that its stable defence, comprising George McMillan, Billy Piculovski, Ljubo Petrovski and Graham Heye, would wilt to such an alarming degree.

Perhaps it was the absence of Ian Dobson, the right injury and Goran Flavel through suspension which undermined the Victorians.

But coach Bill Murray still felt confident enough to start Robbie Dunn in the midfield instead of in the back four.

The former West Adelaide Hellas star was switched back in the 50th minute after young Billy Piculovski was replaced by George Petrov.

By then, however, Westad had hurt the Makedonia

defence in the worst possible way.

Gary Cole and Alan Scott did the damage with Price cancelling out Gary Cole's block-busting 25 metre effort two minutes after half time. Scott followed up with another goal six minutes later and Price capped the fine win four minutes further on.

Cole's goal as pure class, but the Westad treble lost nothing by comparison as each was earned with almost telepathic teamwork.

Hellas owed its success to a number of line performances, but the chief inspirational force was captain Graham Honeyman, who controlled the defence and swept forward at crucial moments to fire the attack.

The first half was hesitant and static, but Hellas blew a curtain to the win in the second stanza when it attacked in supporting droves.

The game spent a fine farewell for Hellas stalwart Ian McGregor, who made his last home game appearance.

On Sunday, McGregor will wrap up his NSL career against South Melbourne in Melbourne. McGregor is reluctantly departing the national scene because he is being transferred by his employer to Port Augusta.

## Alston praises the Olympians

### Wollongong 0 Canberra 2

Scorer: English 54th & 62nd  
Venue: Wollongong Showgrounds

Former Coventry striker Tom English stamped his authority on Canberra Olympians 2-0 win at Wollongong Showground.

English converted two opportunities into two goals early in the second half to seal the match after a quiet first half.

The professional authority of the Canberra display impressed Wollongong coach Adrian Alston. "They were efficient everywhere, with no weak links in their side," Alston said.

Goalkeeper Tony Franken is a future champion."

Franken pulled off some great saves but it was in midfield where Canberra built the foundations for their success.

John Mihailidis, Terry Byrne and Tom Sermanni were superb.

### Man of the match: TOMMY ENGLISH (Canberra)

Equally efficient was young Wollongong midfielder Alex Bundalo, who battled hard all day.

The first goal came after 54 minutes when English broke through the Wollongong defence to slam home a left foot shot.

Franken set up the second goal eight minutes later with a long clearing kick which English controlled perfectly before scoring.

"The result was never in doubt after we scored that first goal," Canberra coach Roy Thomson said after the game.

"But full marks to Wollongong. They battled all the way and would not lie down."

Think about this: Frank Arok can travel to Israel and to Wales, yet how often does he travel to Melbourne, Adelaide and Brisbane? These are my words, not Don Williams'.

Brown is the first to admit that he's not settling the world's greatest fight now.

Once you've earned a label of being a top scorer it can hang like a lead weight around your neck once you go through a lean scoring period as all forwards do. And some fans simply add to the pressure.

"Some of the fans scream at you if you're not scoring but that's all part of the game. Actually, the other week after the match I heard this bloke saying to his mate that Charlie (Egan) had gone two games without scoring. Big deal! There are 11 players out there, it's a team game and we're going okay, so what's the problem?"

"I could have scored two or three goals against Preston earlier in the season but I wasn't striking the ball right. Against George Cross I hit the ball well and got it on target but it wouldn't go in. My shots were either blocked or saved."

"Against Croatia the other week, I remember we got a corner early in the second half and there were five Croatia players behind me with Gojevic and Cumming just in front of us. Not that I

## Bradley helps to bury his former club



Mick Mikolajczyk

### APIA 0 Blacktown 3

Venue: Lambert Park

Scorers: Rowden o.g. 30th,  
P. O'Connor penalty 53rd,  
Bradley 59th

Crowd: 1842.

Referee: G. Warre 7

Cautions: Brown (APIA),  
Skellern (Blacktown).

**Man of the match:**  
**JOHN BRADLEY**  
**(Blacktown)**

metres way past the post in the 19th minute, it was Blacktown which deservedly went into the lead on the half hour.

Bradley near the byeline angled a sharp cross along the ground and stopper Ian Rowden somehow got his feet into a terrible tangle and bundled the ball into his own net.

APIA managed to scrape through till halftime without further loss of goals, but it was quite evident that Blacktown was not satisfied with scoring only one.

With less than eight minutes gone in the second half, APIA went further behind. Hard-working Brett Thorntwaite surged into the penalty area and when confronted by Terry Butler, he tried to flick the ball over the APIA captain's head. Butler's reflex action saw him unwittingly handle the ball and P. O'Connor made no mistake from the spot.

No matter what APIA tried it could not penetrate the Demons' goal. In the 55th minute, striker Kerry Caban climbed high and dispatched a powerful header wide of keeper Ray Hoare. The lanky Blacktown custodian was well beaten and expecting the worst, turned around to see the ball cannon off the post straight into his arms!

Ironically, in the 59th minute, the best player on the field, Bradbury sealed the result for his former club. He latched on to a poor clearance, darted into the penalty area and four APIA defenders just stood and watched him bend a 12 metre shot around keeper Bob Parks.

APIA did make a late bid for a consolation goal but found Hoare too safe, sure and agile, determined to record another "clean sheet".

## Brown: I could have scored seven

### From page one

blame them really. They're

playing away from home and all the side know that it's going to be a big game against Hellas at Middle Park. Most of

the other sides are really happy to get a point against us."

But let's just harp on about Brown's scoring drought for a minute, even though the less said about it the better as far as he's concerned.

"I'll just take things as they come, good or bad, for now. I've hit the post or the bar six times this season, but that's the break."

"Maybe I should turn around and have a bang more often but I'm not going to start shooting from ridiculous positions. I've got a good understanding with Charlie and I try to use him as much as possible. Then again, if you're feeling lucky in the day, why not have a dig?"

Does Bellas' coach Len McKendry encourage Brown to unleash his known shooting power more often?

"Len concentrates more on us making the runs to create chances. In some ways the finishing is left up to us. After all, you can't really lead a forward when to shoot and when not to shoot. It's just something that you work out yourself when you're in situations out on the park."

"Lenny hasn't given me any more talent but he's made my stick to things that I do best. As regards running off the ball and stuff like that, he's the only coach I've been under in Australia who works on these things."

Peter Ollerton, Brown's coach at Preston Makedonia a few years back, might not be surprised.

"I saw a change in big Oly when he became a coach. He used to be one of the boys as a player but I guess it's hard to coach and laugh and joke with the lads as well."

Let's set the record straight about never-publicised but much-spoken-of "clash" at Makedonia training between Brown and Ollerton. The scandal goes that Brown and Oly went round the back of the dressing rooms to sort things

"That's a lot of rubbish. I'd like to know where that stuff comes from, because all that happened was that I had a disagreement and we went to the side of the dressing room, near the referee's room, to sort it out verbally. There was nothing in it."

"I did have a scrap at Preston but that was with George Todoroski at training. I nuzzled him and had a wee laugh at him and he came up to me and smacked the ball into my face. We ended up in an all-in brawl and I think it was big Richard Wilson who pulled us apart."

The committee investigated the incident and all these witnesses were called up. I got fined \$300 and suspended for two games but Todoroski was playing the following week. John Branov (Makedonia's president) assured me that that had nothing to do with the fact that Todoroski was Macedonian."

Now back to the national team. Brown has made five Socceroo appearances, all during the World Series last year.

"Getting picked for Australia is great, but it wasn't as good as I'd expected. When I never scored, I got taken off. I only played two full games, and I scored penalties in both of them."

"I never really got a chance to settle down. And me and Charlie never had a full game together. I'd thought that we might both be used after what we'd done at Hellas, but that wasn't to be."

He's in his fifth Australian season and by the end of last year had jumped into the top 10 all time scorers in the NSL, with 60 goals in league and cup games.

Brown turned 26 two months ago. He played with Aberdeen in his native Scotland, scoring 33 goals in a season with the reserves. A change of management forced him to move and after eight months with Clydians, he joined Sheffield United and played up front alongside Argentinean Alex Sabella.

Brown joined Makedonia in 1981 and in a swap and cash deal involving George Campbell, switched to Hellas in 1982.

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"I want to thank all our supporters who have been very loyal to Sydney Croatia. Without them nothing can be achieved and they are giving us tremendous support."

These words come from Tony Basic, in his second term as president of Sydney Croatia. His first was from 1977

to 1979. He was club secretary in 1980 and 1983.

Although Croatia didn't have a great year in 1984, its first in the NSL, Basic remained optimistic that much could be achieved in 1985 and his attitude is bearing fruit.

"We've got the support and we've got the players — with these two things, anything is possible," said Basic.

"And we've got a really professional coach. Our job (the committee) is to

support him as much as possible and for him get on with the job of running the team the way he sees fit.

"I promised the members when I became president again for this year that I'd buy a couple of top players and that's what we did. We'd bought a few average players in the past and that's just not on for Croatia."

Basic came to Australia in 1958 and on March 16 that year became one of the founder members of Sydney

Croatia. He owns his own business, A. Basic and Son, and he's determined to get Croatia to the top in the NSL. He's well on the way to doing it.

Sydney Croatia's recent history in soccer:  
1962 — State League champion  
1964 — State League champion

# Sydney Cro



General Painters Pty Ltd,  
aka Sydney  
Croatian soccer  
achieving that  
in Australian  
National Division  
Second Division

1974 - Rothmans Cup Winner;  
1977 - State League First Division  
champion, Grand Final winner;  
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champion;  
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champion;  
1981 - State League First Division  
champion;  
1982 - State League First Division  
champion, Grand Final winner;  
1983 - Grand Final winner.

# atia

The Sydney Croatia team that won the 1978 NSW State League championship and also toured North America with distinction, from left, standing: T. Basic, S. Watson, G. Smith, R. Russell, M. Kovacic, K. Coleman, B. Cagaj, B. Gallo (messer). Front: M. Sullivan, P. Muller, W. Savor, A. Abonyi (coach), J. Russell.

American tour results: v Edmonton 2-1 (Coleman, Abonyi); v Calgary 6-2 (Coleman 2, Abonyi 2, Sullivan, Lukosic); v Metres Creatius Toronto 1-2 (Abonyi) v. Toronto Zagreb 4-1 (Lesan 2, Coleman, own goal); v Hamilton 5-0 (Abonyi 3, Kovacic 2, Muller, Cagaj, Sullivan, Lesan); v Cleveland 2-2 (Cootes, Leyden); v Windsor 6-3 (Kovacic 2, Abonyi, R. Russell, Cagaj, J. Russell); v London 4-0 (Cootes, Leyden, Coleman, Kovacic); v Chicago 4-2 (Abonyi 2, Kovacic 2); v Los Angeles 4-0 (Abonyi 2, Cagaj 2).



Sydney Croatia's 1982 NSW State League champion team, from left, standing: J. Kuze (coach), B. Vidaic, D. Galic, T. Basic, G. Sterrey, K. Coleman, S. Watson, I. Barker, M. Kovacic, P. Hensmen, R. Carizzo, V. Rezo (team manager). Front: D. Tomasic, B. Woods, D. Rezo, J. Coyne, S. Dukic, L. Sterrey, W. Savor.

Front: Alex Kovacic, Jim Patikas, Shane Clinch, David Rezo, Zeljko Jurin, Zarko Odzakov. Inset: Wally Savor (left) and Brett Woods. Picture by LES SHORROCK.



**★ Sydney Croatia, 1985, vying for the Australian championship, from left:** Standing: M. Bogdanovic (team official), Drago Tomasic, Vedran Rozic (player-coach), Bruno Vidaic, Greg Woodhouse, Marijan Kovacic, Tony Basic, Graham Arnold, Dr Bosnic.  
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**★ Big spenders buying success. That's the tag thrown on Sydney Croatia. Unafraid though, for only two big transfers have been paid so far this season - \$25,000 for Jim Patikas from Olympic and \$21,000 for Zarko Odzakov from Macedonia. That outlay was just about recouped from one Croatia home game this year! So when you command that kind of support, you can afford to buy the best. It's that sort of support which allows Croatia to bring Eddie Krcevic back to Australian soccer. Croatia has reached agreement with Krcevic and his Belgian club Cercle Bruges and on June 7, Krcevic arrives in Sydney. Along with Odzakov, Patikas, Emil Dragicevic (recently returned from a loan stint with Inter Monreal) and player-coach Vedran Rozic, Krcevic will ensure that Croatia remains the excitement machine of 1986.**

# Penarol star for Auburn

## SKYPACK STATE LEAGUE STANDINGS

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
MELITA EAGLES	4	1	0	14	2	9
AVALA	2	3	0	10	3	7
KU-RING-GAI	2	3	0	6	3	7
SUTHERLAND	2	2	0	8	3	6
Rockdale Linden	2	2	1	7	4	6
Fairy Meadow	2	2	1	6	4	6
Manly Warr.	2	2	1	6	4	6
Canterbury	1	2	3	12	14	4
Uruguay	0	3	2	3	9	3
Narrabeen	1	1	3	1	10	3
Polonia	0	1	3	2	10	3
Bankstown	0	0	4	1	10	0

ROCKDALE LINDEN 3 (Brown 5th, 28th pen. 86th)  
BANKSTOWN NATIONAL 0 at Hurstville Oval, Saturday.

(LUNDEN: Kotzchambos 7 — Blackburn 6, Pilovski 6, D. Wilson 8, Forester 7 — Papua 7, Nastevski 7, Slavesci 7 — Triantafiliou 7 (Campenalla 87th), Brown 9, Ferguson 5 (Booths 75th)).

NATIONAL: Smith 6 — Rajab 8 (Nasari 85th), Nocera 7, Popovich 6, Hatton 7 (Caban 65th) — Darlington 7, Hassen 6, Green 6 — Hussein 5, Meerman 6, Aperian 6.

NARRABEEN 0 URUGUAY 0 at Narrabeen Sports Centre, Saturday.

NARRABEEN: P. Dean 6 — Akoutas 8, Watt 8, Collings 7, Friend 5 — Sarge 7, Jones 7, Dean 6, Gale 6 (Sandner 52nd) — Hodgson 5, Van Helden 5 (Poulson 81st).

URUGUAY: Rosano 9 — Jones 7, Hasty 7, Kralovic 7, Falladose 8 — Planinic 5, G. Fernandez 5, Menesis 7, Rodas 6 — O'Shane 5, Pagano 5 (Arabeles 31st, Carrizo 66th).

CANTERBURY 1 (Kirwan 45th) KURINGGAI 2 (Bennett 59th, Sutherland 70th) at Arlington, Sunday.

CANTERBURY: Hummell 8 — Karipis 6 (70th Petas), Radman 8, Penn 6, Hantzis 8 — Fermatis 6 (Efthimidis 64th, 7), Anagnostopoulos 7, Borges 6, Silva 7 — Kirwan 7, Dennis 5.

KURINGGAI: Curtis 8 — Keven 7, Bertam 8, Watson 7, Goldsworthy 9 — Sutherland 8, Bennett 8, Quigley 6, Ellem 5 — McKeigan 7, Nile 7.

MELITA EAGLES 0 FAIRY MEADOW 0 at Melita Stadium, Sunday.

MELITA EAGLES: Mullen 7 — McPherson 9, Wilson 6, McAusland 7, Rourke 5 — Laing 6, Cullinan 6, Farrugia 8, Vial 7 — Walker 5.

FAIRY MEADOW: Young 7 — Chilby 7, Jones 8, Barringer 8, Morlando 7 — Geraldi 7, Peat 8, Mowbray 7, Richardson 7 — Fontana 6, Baker 6.

POLONIA 0 AVALA 0 at Chopin Park, Sunday.

POLONIA: Anderson 9 — Lasek 6, Falzon 7, Vujnovic 9, A Colusso 6 — Pop 7, D. Coluso 6, Kodar 8 — Mahaman (Chou 78th), Sobczyk 7, Janic 7.

AVALA: Thurlow 7 — Jorden 7, Lembrayk 8, Divani 7, Atapic 7 — Lucchesini 6 (Silva 47th), Brown 6, Tracey 6, Martinez 80th) — Carey 7, Jeffery 5, Anderson 6.

SUTHERLAND 1 (Dalforno 87th) MANLY WAR-RINGHAM 1 (Gabriel 4th) at Seymour Shaw, Sunday.

SUTHERLAND: Den 7 — Nelson 7, Hesford 6 (sent off 81st) — Dalforno 8, Terry 7 — Webber 6, Groome 8, Herrington 8, Rogers 6 — (Tucker 76th) — Beggs 7, Gray 6.

MANLY: Ian Barker 7 — Pagan 7, J. Dick 9, Foy 7, Jeff Barker 7 — Gabriel 7, Stevens 7, Campbell 8 — Fox 6 (Stuart 70th) — Leek 7 (Pearce 85th), A Williamson 7.

## MELITA OR MANLY?

Skypack State League leader, Melita Eagles, travels to Cromer Park this Sunday hoping to take at least a point and consolidate its lead.

Manly, with an unusually slow start to the season, goes into this match with a "must win" attitude. It will offer Manly-Jones and his boys from Granville no quarter.

Kenny Wilson, Melita's capable defender, along with Richard Mullen in goal, could prove the stumbling block for the locals while Billy Griffiths, Ray Farrugia and Don Allan should provide a more than adequate midfield combination to overpower Manly.

It is difficult to see Narrabeen getting away with one point from its match with Fairy Meadow at Corrimal Park.

Beaten by Meadow at Narrabeen in a pre-season match and following on the loss of its coach, Narrabeen will find the going pretty hard on the South Coast.

David Watt and George Akoulas, along with capable midfielders such as, Gale, Sarge and Dean will stand between Meadow and success.

But while the home team looks capable of scoring at least one goal through its enterprising trio of Geraldi,

Baker and Fontana, the same could hardly be said for an out-of-touch Hodgson and Van Helden.

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Ljubo Gokovic resigned last week as coach of Narrabeen after meeting the club's administrators.

Gokovic tendered his resignation, citing "personal reasons" for his decision. However, he is adamant that the club can become a force in State League with its large district following.

Meanwhile, Auburn-Uruquay is set to become one of the glamor teams of the league with news that first player in Latin America to be signed, Estevio is a former Penarol, Nacional of Montevideo and Panathinaikos star.

And Josef Procop, recently dumped by NSW outfit Inter Monaro, has taken over as coach of Bankstown National. However, National slumped to a 0-3 loss to Rockdale.

Ilija Takacs, who quit as coach of Rockdale Linden a few weeks ago, is unhappy with some statements released by the club since his departure and has said that he'll "open up" should any further statements be issued by Linden.

On the playing front, Melita Eagles were rocked by Fairy Meadow at Melita Stadium and could have lost the game late in the piece had Meadow players finished better. Let's get on to the match action:

**Canterbury 1  
Ku-Ring-Gai 2**

Venue: Arlington Oval  
Scorers: Kirwan 45th, Bennett 59th, Sutherland 70th

Melita made it 1-0 in the second minute of extra time in the first half after some good work by Sarge. Then, Kuring-Gai came back through Bennett and Sutherland to collect the points.

Fourteen minutes into the second half Ku-Ring-gai was on even terms. Lee Sutherland made space before finding Mark Nlie whose cross was hammered home by David Bennett.

With 20 minutes remaining David Bennett took a throw-in which found the head of Lee Sutherland who headed past the advancing Hummell for the winner.

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CROYDON	6	2	0	17	4	14
MORWELL F.	5	2	1	17	10	12
FAWKNER	5	1	2	19	6	11
POLONA	3	2	2	18	10	9
F'ston Pines	3	3	2	16	11	9
Box Hill	3	3	2	15	10	9
Northcote	3	3	2	15	12	9
West Suburbs	3	2	3	11	12	8
Thomastown	2	4	2	11	12	8
Albion Turk Gucu	3	1	4	6	10	7
Knox City	2	1	5	6	23	5
R.Wilhelmina	1	1	5	6	16	4
St. Alb. Dinamo	2	0	6	10	24	4
Springvale	1	1	6	6	13	3

**SPRINGVALE CITY 0 CROYDON CITY 1 (McDonald 21st) at Ross Reserve, Saturday.**

SPRINGVALE CITY: Perry Mur 7 — K. Humble 8, Luyten 5, Bannon 7, Fitzpatrick 6 — Luca 6 (Matthews 82nd), Bentely 8, Adams 7 — D'Amico 5 (Nelson 60th), Garvey 5, Bell 6. Coach: Ian Greener.

CROYDON CITY: Whiteside 6 — Brown 7, O'Reilly 8, Singleton 6, Tansey 7 — McDonald 8, Kerr 7, Beach 7, Livingstone 7 — Ollerton 6, Brogan 6. Coach: Peter Ollerton.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award 3 McDonald (Croyl), 2 O'Reilly (Croyl), 1 Bentely (Spring).

**STALBANS DINAMO 1 (Morovic 14th) RINGWOOD**

**WILHELMINA 2 (Storm penalty 72nd, Kebede 86th) at Churchill Reserve, Saturday.**

ST ALBANS DINAMO: Pokas 7 — Ramiljak 5, Bozic 8, Brkjacic 6, S. Grbic 5 — Lericic 6, Culina 5, Rastovic 6 — Dezi 6, Bruno 4, Morovic 7 (Pavlicic 73rd), Coach: Tony Vrzina.

RINGWOOD: Wilhelmina Lee 7 — Haupt 8, Corke 7, Murray 6, Shannon 7 — Bakker 5 (Kebede 45th), Storm 5, Burton 6 — Nyholm 6, Thompson 6, Stewart 5 (van Egmond 45th), Coach: Cor Teewu.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award 3 Haupt (RW), 2 Bozic (SA), 1 Corke (RW).

**MORWELL FALCONS 3 (Cassar 6th, Stirton 25th, Innes o.g. 40th) POLONA 1 (Gibson 60th) at North Cringan Reserve, Saturday.**

MORWELL FALCONS: Blasby 8 — Bingham 9, Bruns 8, Tuttill 8, Train 8 — J. van Bara 80th), MacLean 8 (inj. Digulio 65th), O'Callaghan 7, Cassar 8 — Stirton 8, Athtersy 8, Coopersmith 8, Duncanson 7.

POLONA: Dzieciakowski 6 — Liparski 6, Smulikow 7, Innes 7, Vonja 6 (Przybyla H.T. 6) — Warsawowski 6, Auld 6, Kolaric 7, Little 6 (Petals 80th) — Warsawowski 6, Auld 6. Coach: Eddie Reid.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award 3 Bingham (Morw), 2 Gibson (Pol), 1 MacLean (Morw).

**BOX HILL 1 (Verchia 24th) FAWKNER 1 (Mancini 25th) at Wembley Park, Sunday.**

BOX HILL: Harrison 7 — Brooks 7, McMillan 7, Lawler 7, Roodehouse 7 — Azopardi 7, Hughes 8, Ramos 7, White 6 — Verechia 8, A. Humble 7, Coach: Keith Webster.

FAWKNER: Terzini 4 — Fattore 8, Macleod 7, Hebson 8 — Lia 7, Boyle 7, Quigley 7, Mancini 8 — Palinkas 6, Cozzella 8, Loughnane 8, Coach: Gus Macleod.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award 3 Verechia (BH), 2 Cazzella (Fawk), 1 Hughes (BH).

**WESTERN SUBURBS 0 FRANKSTON PINES 0 at Ralph Reserve, Sunday.**

WESTERN SUBURBS: Tachiris 6 — Howe 6, Dimovski 7, Esposito 8, Lekakis 7 — K. Coyle 7, Beattie 7, John Collins 7 — Melleti 6, Bouza 6, McGuinness 8, Coach: Jimmy Condilis.

FRANKSTON PINES: Janssen 8 — Cumming 7, Thurlow 8, Lawson 6, Ferris 8 — Cooke 6, Ross 6, Cullen 6 — Dick 6, Webster 7, Thomas 6. Coach: Danny McMinnie.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award 3 Esposito (WS), 2 Janssen (Pines), 1 Ferris (Pines).

**KNOX CITY 1 (Tunstall 50th) NORTHCOTE 6 (Beckaria 5th, Patsakos 18th, Botham 28th, Filippos 28th, P. Constantino 40th, Dionisopoulos 70th) at Egan Lee Reserve, Sunday.**

KNOX CITY: Brian 4 — Loy Saisi 6, Smith 5, Bissinger 7, Byrne 4 — Tunstall 4, Murray 4 (Lucio Saisi H.T. 5). Wild 4 (D. Bryden H.T. 5) — Pilbeam 5, Pete 7, Hawthorne 5. Coach: Duncan Smith.

NORTHCOTE: Giannopoulos 7 — Patimotis 8, Cutler 8, Bozikis 8, Kouremenos 7 — Bekaris 8, Toro 8, Mosidis 6 (Stiliadis 60th) — P. Constantino 7, Patsakos 7, Filippis 7 (Dionisopoulos 65th). Coach: Jimmy Pyrgolios.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award 3 Toro (North), 2 Bekaris (North), 1 Patimotis (North).

**THOMASTOWN 0 ALBION TURK GUCU 1 (Latif 70th) at Partidge Reserve, Sunday.**

THOMASTOWN: Raponi 1 — DiBerardino 6, Cosentino 8, Arcoria 8, Carfora 6 — Lakic 7, Franceschi 5 (Tavolari 70th), B. Coyle 6, N. Constantino 6 — Fragale 6 (Dallas 70th), Flaherty 7. Coach: Joe Wilson.

ALBION TURK GUCU: W. Bryden 7 — Gao (inj. Behich 30th, 6), Gilmore 8, Jovicic 9, Douglas 6 — Bennett 6 (inj. Emelvski 60th), Reilly 7, Purcell 7, Alfonso 7 — Latif 9, Patmans 6. Coach: Tommy Traynor.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award 3. Jovicic (Albion), 2. Latif (Albion), 1. Cosentino (Thomas).

**SCHIPANO BEST PLAYER AWARD**

Schipano Home Furnishers are sponsoring our 1985 State League Player of the Year award. The winner receives \$1,000 worth of furniture of his choice.

Leading votegetters:

13 — Livingstone (Croydon)

10 — MacLean (Morwell), Cosentino (Thomastown)

9 — Cozzella (Fawkner), Culina (Dinamo)

7 — McMillan, Verechia (Box Hill), Bannon, Adams (Springvale), Webster (Pines), Raponi (Thomastown)

6 — A. Humble, Harrison (Box Hill), Boyle (Fawkner), Bissinger (Knox), Warsawski (Polonia), Thomas (Pines)

5 — O'Reilly, McDonald (Croydon), Bruns (Morwell), Patimotis (Northcote), Dimovski, Tachiris (Suburbs), Haupt (Wilhelmina)

4 — Tansey (Croydon), Latif (Albion), Pate (Knox), Wilson, Giannopoulos (Northcote), Stenson, McGuinness (Suburbs), Bozic, Morovic (Dinamo), Cooke (Pines).

**VSF TRAVEL CLUB AWARD**

The VSF Travel Club, in conjunction with Ametco Travel, is sponsoring our 1985 State League Top Scorer award. The winner receives a return trip to Singapore, flying Thai International.

Leading scorers:

8 — A. Humble (Box Hill), Thomas (Pines)

7 — Morovic (Dinamo)

6 — Cozzella (Fawkner), Athersy (Morwell)

5 — French (Croydon), Stirton (Morwell), Warsawski (Polonia), McGuiness (Suburbs)

4 — Patsakos, Filippis (Northcote), Webster (Pines), Lakic (Polonia)

3 — Livingstone (Croydon), Latif (Albion), Palikas (Fawkner), Cassar (Morwell), P. Czapnik, Auld (Polonia), P. Constantinou (Northcote), Flaherty (Thomas-Pines)

## No more rejects!

By PETER DESIRA

### Dinamo 1

### Wilhelmina 2

Scorers: 1-0 Morovic 14th, 1-1 Storm 72nd pen, 1-2 Kebede 84th

Venue: Churchill Reserve.

St Albans Dinamo must stop picking up discards from Melbourne Croatia if it is to survive and eventually become a force in State League.

That is the firm belief of new coach Tony Vrzina and that is a comment he made to the Dinamo committee on the night he accepted the job last week.

"I'm surprised some of the players (already at Dinamo) don't even have a basic knowledge of the game," Vrzina said after the team had been waiting for FIFA to grant him permission to register as an amateur after the Ethiopian federation refused to grant him an international clearance along with three other Ethiopians who fled the country immediately after playing for Ethiopia against Mauritius in an under 21 international in May, 1983.

Kebede surely would agree there was a touch of luck about the way he scored the goal in the 84th minute to settle the issue in the drizzle at Churchill Reserve. The midfielder got on the end of a ball from a free kick from the left with an awkward header which somehow eluded Darko Pokas, smashed against the crossbar and then bounced down over the

goalline.

Referee Andy Erangau was well placed to award the goal despite the side's protests from Dinamo players.

Dinamo had opened the scoring in the 14th minute when Steve Grgic got on the end of a Danny Dezic cross and turned it into the box with an overhead kick for Dennis Morovic to shoot home on the turn.

Mark Bakker provided a good cross for Kenny Stewart to hit a volley which forced Pokas into a good save before the two players were replaced by Kebede and Nick Van Egmond at half time.

Dinamo could have increased its lead five minutes before the break when Zlatko Krivacic unleashed off a good cross-field move with a fine shot but Stuart Lee made a good save to deny the home side.

After squandering numerous openings, Wilhelmina finally cancelled out the goal from the penalty spot after Pokas brought down John Nyholt in the box. Kees Storm, who had an otherwise quiet game, calmly slotted the spotkick off.

The two points from the match lifted Wilhelmina off the bottom for the first time this season and on this showing the side has the potential to play its way well out of the relegation area.

## STENSON NO TO OLYMPIC



• Sydney Olympic last week failed in a bid to sign Ged Stenson (pictured) of Victorian State League club Western Suburbs. Stenson reportedly was made an excellent offer by Olympic which agreed with Suburbs on a \$10,000 transfer fee but Stenson didn't want to move to Sydney.

## CROYDON'S FOLLOWING IN GULLY'S FOOTSTEPS

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

### Springvale 0

### Croydon 1

Scorer: McDonald 21st

Venue: Ross Reserve.

Croydon only did what it had to do win this match but you always had the feeling that Springfield scored it merely would have provoked Croydon into re-arranging the scoringline in much more emphatic fashion.

I like this Croydon side and its capacity to play and kick if need be.

Don't get me wrong. I'm not saying that it's a dirty side. All I'm saying is that there isn't a

side in State League that will kick Croydon off the park, if that approach is adopted and when you look at recent NSW champions in Sydney Hakoah, St. George and South Melbourne Hellas and Glenroyal's State League achievement in the early 80s, you realize that it's this ability to play as well as dish it out that these sides have in common.

The winner here came in the 21st minute when Croydon's best, midfielder Matt McDonald, was set up by player-coach Peter Ollerton and hammered a fine drive past Perry Mur into the top near corner.

The early part of the second half saw Croydon side gain a clear advantage and the game definitely needed a goal.

It finally came in the 66th minute due to some brilliant work by Pote, who chased a long through ball, rounded McDonald and from a seemingly impossible angle screwed the ball back from the by-line leaving Middelmann the easy job of heading home.

Middelmann increased the lead in the 82nd minute when he climbed high at the near post to decisively head home a Moyles corner from the left.

With one minute left, Moyles played a fine through ball to Middelmann who crossed for substitute Papas, playing his first senior game, to coolly pick his spot in the far corner.

In the 32nd minute, winger Roby Mantel put over a cross for Wallace who hammered home his second goal.

In the 52nd minute, 15 year old Paul Jamison, playing his first game, was unlucky as his shot just skimmed the crossbar.

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Victorian Third Division match at Keilor, Saturday.

WAVERLEY CITY: Darch —

Coutler, Patterson, Dixon, Wilson —

Kelvin, Wilcox, Storey —

Grimmades, Gammon, Drougou. At

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Waverley broke the deadlock 17 minutes after the interval. Terry Grimwade timed his run perfectly in joining a Waverley counter-attack and placed his shot firmly past Tom Costello.

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Victorian soccer and the sooner the better get together and decide what foul challenges with their potential to injure are more damaging than the foul language, the healthier our game will be.

Off the soap-box and back to the action.

In the 44th minute, Gordon Bentley got past Jim O'Reilly and was only 10 metres from the ball but through ball from Eddie Reid through ball to Ollerton, who had got goalside of John Luyten, but Ollerton shot wide of the near post.

In the 46th seconds, Springvale almost stole a point when Dave Brown headed on to the ball from a free kick from the right wing, but the ball lobbed up in the air and Whiteside charged out of goal but missed his punch. In the ensuing muddle, the ball was cleared off the Croydon side.

Ollerton could have wrapped things up five minutes into the second half, running onto the

ball through ball, but he shot wide.

In the 58th minute, Ollerton headed firmly from an Alex Livingstone corner but Tom O'Reilly cleared off the Springvale line.

With two minutes left, Livingstone played a superb through ball to Ollerton, who had got goalside of John Luyten, but Ollerton shot wide of the near post.

In the 60th second, Gordon Bentley got past Jim O'Reilly and was only 10 metres from the ball but through ball from Eddie Reid through ball to Ollerton, who had got goalside of John Luyten, but Ollerton shot wide of the near post.

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# WRONG, MR. DETTRE!

SIR —  
A reply to Andrew Dettre's column headed "Political, pretensions and picturesque, but should they be playing in NSL?" The article appeared on page two of the April 24, 1985 issue of "Soccer Action".

Unfortunately, Mr Dettre, your edification of the stereotypes which you presume make for success in the semi-professional world of our current regionalised national competition is not shared by Blacktown City.

Demographically, the future development of your much vaunted "cosmopolitan" ethic lies primarily in the western metropolitan area of Sydney, so it would seem logical to me that Blacktown City, with its centre at Seven Hills, and embracing the local government areas of Blacktown, Baulkham Hills, Parramatta and Holroyd is going to inherit the necessary strata which will enable the club to reflect the aspirations of those from the region who choose the world game for their enjoyment.

Yes, Mr Dettre! There are many of us in this region who would not be swayed into your concept which necessitates "nervous tension off the field" — "being prepared to brawl for our team" — "a tribal war in the making".

Sociologically, the family is still highly regarded in our region, and in particular, the club will maintain at all costs its principle of catering for family groups e.g., Family Night in the club auditorium after every home game, home games themselves which includes, for example, a game between two ladies competitive teams, a round robin series of games (mini-soccer) for under six teams from the region, and a penalty shot-out competition for eight teams with two players of ages 8, 9, 10 or 11, in each team. The Demon Cheer Leaders will continue to perform their colourful, engaging displays through music, dance and marching.

Who has the right to limit the game to the egos of 22 players for 90 minutes once a week?

Incidentally, in the Blacktown City auditorium during Family Night on Sunday, April 18, a player with the initials K.K. after he had so con-

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scientifically presented four teams of Under six players with their pennants, said, as he surveyed the composition of the capacity crowd:

"This is just great to see the youngsters, their parents and grandparents relaxing in a friendly atmosphere. Unfortunately, in England have to a large extent, lost this precious aspect of the game!"

No, Mr Dettre! We will not be importing "those hundreds of passionate British 'fans'" but we would certainly invite one British ambassador back to the western metropolitan region, because he represents the world of soccer at its highest levels of integrity, skill, character development, healthy leisure outlets, and commitment to oneself and the game.

Mr Dettre, because I believe that you have really missed the significance of the Blacktown City commitment to the growth of soccer in its region, may I quote to you from an article contained in the Souvenir Match Programme produced for the visit to Blacktown City by that player with the initials K.K. The paragraph in question was prefaced by the fact of the club's relegation from the N.S.L. at the end of 1983 season, and it reads: "The club would not relinquish its long term goals by buying a team, at highly inflated prices, thus halting other important aspects of development:

"The club is convinced that its decision was correct, as the next two years enabled it to implement plans that were to have a far-reaching effect on the club's long-term future. The most prominent of these was the creation of its Youth Development Academy, out of which will undoubtedly come the representative players of the future."

Sir! Blacktown City does have "genuine aspirations for success on the field".

Finally, I am sure that Blacktown City will be functioning within its region in the year 2000, but I wonder whether the present "cosmopolitan" clubs will have enough real money to continually prop up their short term quest?"

— DAVID J. BAIRD  
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NSW

## The problem of pitch invasions

SIR —  
I refer to your article headed "Melbourne woes", in the issue of "Soccer Action" dated April 17, 1985, and written by Peter Scott.

In your article, it appears you are implying that pitch invasions only occur at Melbourne games, and that Green Gully was responsible for this particular pitch invasion. May I say that firstly, the supporters who invaded the pitch during this game were NOT Green Gully supporters.

Secondly, Green Gully did all that was possible to avoid a situation such as that. Several police and club officials acting as ground marshals were employed for this match.

Let's face facts. The game of soccer in Australia generally does not attract large crowds, and clubs cannot employ many more than a handful of police, firstly, because of expense and secondly, because the Police Department would not send out more than a handful, either because of staff shortages, or the size of the attendance not warranting more police assistance.

The question of official club marshalls is a matter of concern. The idea of having 20 or 30 marshals around the ground is a good one, however, some visiting spectators may see this as antagonism.

I believe that there is one, if not two, plans of action that clubs can take. Firstly, clubs must be encouraged to "weed" out known troublemakers and hoodlums from their membership and support. These "people" are in the minority. On occasion, they tend to insight people immediately surrounding them, to either riot or cause nuisance. I believe that, because of the financial loss that some clubs would suffer from this exercise, many of them are loathe to even bandy the idea around.

Secondly, the erection of high fences around the playing pitch would be the ultimate answer. This plan of action might have to be enforced by the authorities however, because most clubs would

dismiss this idea due to the expense involved. The authorities may also shy away from this idea for obvious reasons.

— VAN LAKIS,  
Secretary,  
Green Gully S.C.

## Look at the locals, Frank

SIR —  
While watching the Monday night soccer show on SBS recently, I was amazed to hear an interview with Frank Arok in which he said that he was trying to entice a star forward from Tottenham Hotspur to help his side St George out of relegation trouble.

Unfortunately, to dispel any doubts that the comments were to be taken seriously, Mr Dettre ploughs on by concluding sons of migrants from his theory, even if they were born in Australia.

This attitude reminds me of the time when England thought no other country would ever learn to play soccer or cricket or when America thought no one else could sail a 12 metre yacht and India and Pakistan considered that only Asians could win at hockey and squash.

Despite the success of Australians in most of these sports plus tennis, swimming and athletics, a top class mid-fielder's role in soccer (according to Andrew Dettre) will

## A test-tube midfielder!

SIR —  
The Andrew Dettre column ("Soccer Action" 1/5/85) must rank as the biggest load of rubbish written by a sports columnist anywhere in the world.

The suggestion that Australians will never make ideal top-class midfielders due to a lack of the right genetics must surely be picked up by sports agencies around the world as the "joke quote" of the year.

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Despite the success of Australians in most of these sports plus tennis, swimming and athletics, a top class mid-fielder's role in soccer (according to Andrew Dettre) will

not be achieved by an Australian due to genetic deficiency!

For

the answer can be found in genetic engineering and Australia can produce the world's first test-tube mid-fielder!

Meanwhile, I suggest that Mr Dettre reads the excellent interview with coach Dom Kapetanovic ("Soccer Action" 1/5/85) for a more sensible solution to the problems of soccer in this country.

— PETER LEWIS  
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Victoria

## What about other clubs?

SIR —  
I am a regular reader of your paper and believe it's good value. However, I wish to take this opportunity, to express my concern or should I say disappointment, with the regular feature titled "Viva Italia!" with Rocky Di Zio.

Whilst this column is at times well written and in fact the concept of such a column is an excellent one, as are the Greek and Yugoslav columns, I believe that for some time now it has lost its sense of direction. As a result, I feel it should be more correctly

called, "Viva Brunswick Juventus" with Rocky Di Zio!

For some time now, the column has had a 90 to 95% Brunswick Juventus content. We have continued to read the fortunes and misfortunes of this club and little or no mention has been made of any other local Italian club or interstate club for that matter. Not to mention matters of interest from the Italian League.

In fact the ultimate, which I believe the editor should never have allowed to happen (given that the feature was in Italian), occurred quite a few weeks ago when the column openly called for the sacking of the then Juventus coach Tommy Traynor who was subsequently sacked.

I must point out that I am not affiliated with any club in particular, and have a great deal of respect and admiration for the Juventus club and what it stands for. I also accept that Juventus is playing in the nations-highest league.

However, as a soccer fan, I am also interested in the recent rise of Thomastown, which is going on at Fawkner, Morwell, Regent, East Brunswick, Eagles United etc etc.

— PAUL LOSTIA  
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# La Juventus e compagnie dominatrici indiscusse

## VIVA ITALIA! with ROCKY DI ZIO



**La deima giornata del campionato di Lega Nazionale, nel girone meridionale, si è tinta di azzurro contro esaltanti vittorie delle tre scudatrici italiane.**

La Juventus di Melbourne si imposta, anche se di misura, alla capitolista Croatia ed è salita al comando della classifica anche grazie alla inaspettata vittoria degli azzurri del Brisbane City sull'ultra capitolista South Melbourne Hellas, mentre la Juventus di Adelaide e' scesa a Melbourn a prendersi l'intera posta da quel George Crossche due settimane fa aveva fatto fare una gran brutta figura ai cugini bianconeri.

Dopo questo spettacolare en plein la Juventus di Melbourne si trova solitaria in vetta alla classifica, il Brisbane City e' aperto un punto fuori dalle prime cinque poltrone che danno diritto alle finali e il Melbourn City Juventus e' appiattito al gruppetto di metà classifica (anche se ufficialmente c'è penultima, ma salta due punti dalla seconda in classifica).

Pecatto che la prossima settimana gli azzurri di Brisbane dovranno venire a fare i concorrenti la Juventus di Melbourne e che perciò dovranno marcare il passo di fronte all'inimitabile squadra di Margaritis.

Imbatibile la Juventus di Melbourne lo è sicuramente (non perde da nove settimane), ma ciò non significa che c'è irresistibile, nonostante le due ultime vittorie dell'Heidelberg.

La vittoria sull'Heidelberg era stata conquistata da una Juventus veramente grande ed autoritaria che aveva dominato in lungo ed in largo dall'inizio alla fine grazie ad un superlativo centrocampo (Incantilupo, Wade, Miranda e Petersen) che aveva giocato a tutto campo facilitando il controllo della difesa e dando man forte all'attacco. In quella partita l'impostazione tipica dei 4-4-2 non era in effetti esistita in campo perché i centrocampisti avevano ricevuto anche il ruolo di mezze-punto con il risultato che la Juventus aveva attaccato sempre con almeno tre uomini e a volte con quattro e anche cinque.

Quella era stata la più bella Juventus vista quest'anno: aveva fatto gioco, aveva dato spettacolo, aveva segnato, aveva dominato a piacimento prendendo l'iniziativa dal fascio d'apertura a conservandola ininterrottamente per tutta la partita, forniti una classe individuale che nessun'altra squadra può vantare.

Rispetto al Croatia che aveva battuto l'Hellas la settimana prima, i rossi erano senza un attacco degno di tale nome (e da tempo presente che l'Hellas intale occasione era senza Murphy e McDowell ed aveva perso Yezzendorou 25 minuti dalla fine rimanendo invecchiato).

Perciò il Croatia di domenica scorsa non era di molto

superiore all'Heidelberg della settimana prima, con la differenza però che mentre con quest'ultima la Juventussa è rimasta nel campionato superiore, il Croatia invece allo stesso livello di mediocrità rinunciando a far valere la sua classe ed a prendere l'iniziativa.

La vittoria è arrivata quasi per caso, grazie ad un tiro senza convinzione di Petersen, spintosi avanti per miracolo, che è riuscito ad infilarsi fra una selva di gambe; altre occasioni mancate di poco portano la firma di Incantilupo, anch'egli spintosi in avantiaramente. Il goalavrebbe anche potuto non arrivare, mentre non sarebbe stato il caso di gridare allo scandalo se il pallone fosse entrato nell'altra rete almeno una volta.

E' ineguagliabile la Juventussa fatta stata di misura la migliore squadra in campo e che avesse creato più occasioni da reti del Croatia, ma la partita poteva andare da una parte o dall'altra a finire in un salomonico pareggio.

Secondo noi la Juventus ha rischiato "di non vincere" con una condotta di gara troppo accorta rispetto al reale valore dell'avversario. Il fatto che il risultato abbia dato ragione a Margaritis non significa molto per quel che riguarda la vittoria di campione perché lo scudetto non sarà conquistato dalla squadra che avrà "inventato" più punti alla fine del campionato.

Per quella che è di quella capacità di vincere partite negli incontri diretti fra le prime cinque del girone e la vittoria del torneo finale del girone settentrionale.

Non perdendo a tutti i costi e vincendo quando capita, la Juventussa sicuramente nelle primissime posizioni della classifica, ma lo scudetto lo vedrà con il binomio se non entra nell'ordine di idee di vincere tutti i costi giocando secondo i suoi grandi mezzi.

Sia ben chiaro, non vogliamo minimamente smuovere il merito della squadra e di Margaritis (tanto di cappello anche a Tony Schiavello per aver insistito a comprare quattro fluorilace, nonostante le finanze non fossero particolarmente esiguenti), vogliamo soltanto ripetere fino alla notte (anche la Juventussa vale molti di più) quello che mette in mostra e che è forte abbastanza da poter giocare con più convinzione, quasi con disprezzo per avversarie che le arrivano fino al ginocchio.

Ciocca appunto con maggior convinzione dei propri mezzi la Juventus e' una spagna superiore alle altre squadre del girone meridionale al momento, solo Croatia e Hellas, una volta tornate alle formazioni ideali, potrebbero contrastarle il passo con-

quiche possibilità di successo.

Ma se la vittoria in campo è stata stentata contro il Giudicato vittorioso degli pochi dei tifosi bianconeri è stata nettissima. Finalmente e crediamo sia questa la prima volta, la tifoseria juventina ha fatto passare in secondo ordine la rumorosa tifoseria avversaria. Armati di trombe, tamburi, trombette e bandiere giovanili, guidati dal "vecchio direttore d'orchestra" Chiodo, hanno veramente accesso gli spalti dello stadio e creare quell'atmosfera trionfalistica e festosa che trascina il pubblico e sprona la squadra. Well done boys!

Domenica prossima all'Olympic ci aspettiamo una Juventus più decisa di domenica scorsa nel derby italiano che acquista ancor maggiore interesse a causa dello stato di grazia che sta attraversando il Brisbane City e la grande curiosità per il suo nuovo brasiliano, di origine italiana, Lettieri.

Nel girone settentrionale prepotente vittoria del Marconi in trasferta a Penrith; i grana si sono così appostati ad un punto dal capitolista Croatia e sperano che i cuigni del Croatia riusciran a fare il miracolo fermando la formazione di Ozdakov e Rozic domenica prossima.

Per questa settimana l'APIA è incappata in una giornata nera cedendo nettan-tempi al Blacktown, mentre l'Inter Monaro non ce l'ha fatta contro il Newcastle.

## LEGA STATALE

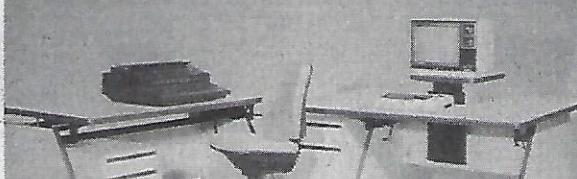
Dopo la grande prova della settimana scorsa entro i campioni incarica del Morwell, il Fawkner ha accusato un altro calo riuscendo a malapena a portarsi a un punto dal capitolista Box Hill. Il Morwell ha invece dimostrato che la batosta presa dal Fawkner è stato un episodio isolato imponendosi con un netto 3-1 sul Polonia.

Il Blacktown, decimato da infarti, ha perso in casa con l'Albion Turk Guclu guidato dal nuovo tecnico Tommy Traynor, già affrontato allenatore dell'Avoca all'inizio dell'anno.

A proposito di ex allenatori juventini, da notare il ritorno all'attività di Tony Boggi alla guida dell'Ivanhoe City è sostituito del dimissionario Epifani. La squadra lucano, con un buon parco di giovani giocatori ed un ottimo comitato presieduto da Tony De Luca, è il club ideale per un allenatore dal passato illustre che intende tornare sulla bretella per amore dello sport che, tutto sommato, gli ha dato grandi soddisfazioni.

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## SOUTHERN DIVISION



JEFF FAULKNER

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS  
vs  
FOOTSCRAY JUST

at CHAPLIN RESERVE  
3pm SUNDAY

YOUTH GAME:  
SUNSHINE  
GEORGE CROSS  
vs  
FOOTSCRAY JUST  
12.45

PRESTON MAKEDONIA  
vs  
GREEN GULLY

at CONNOR RESERVE  
3pm SUNDAY

YOUTH GAME:  
PRESTON MAKEDONIA  
vs  
GREEN GULLY  
12.45



GARY COLE



ANGIE POSTECOGLOU

STH MELB HELLAS  
vs  
WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS

at MIDDLE PARK  
3pm SUNDAY

YOUTH GAME:  
STH MELB HELLAS  
vs  
FRANKSTON PINES  
12.45

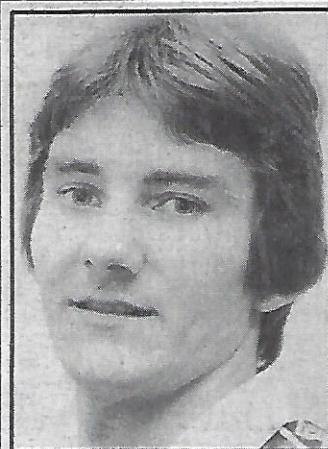
BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS  
vs  
BRISBANE CITY

at OLYMPIC PARK No. 2  
3pm SUNDAY

YOUTH GAME —  
BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS  
vs  
CROYDON CITY  
12.45



PETER LEWIS



ALAN NIVEN

BRISBANE LIONS  
vs  
MELBOURNE CROATIA

at RICHLANDS  
3pm SUNDAY

YOUTH GAME:  
NUNAWADING CITY  
vs  
MELBOURNE CROATIA  
AT VENUE TO BE ANNOUNCED

ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS  
vs  
HEIDELBERG ALEXANDER

at OLYMPIC SPORTS FIELD  
2.30 pm SUNDAY

YOUTH GAME:  
FAWKNER  
vs  
HEIDELBERG ALEXANDER  
AT VENUE TO BE ANNOUNCED



FORTU COSTANZO

## NORTHERN DIVISION

APIA LEICHARDT vs SYDNEY CROATIA  
at LAMBERT PARK 3 pm SUNDAY

MARCONI vs SYDNEY OLYMPIC  
at MARCONI STADIUM 3pm SUNDAY

NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD vs PENRITH CITY  
at ADAMSTOWN OVAL 2.30 pm SATURDAY

ST GEORGE vs INTER MONARO  
at ST GEORGE STADIUM 3pm SUNDAY

CANBERRA OLYMPIANS vs SYDNEY CITY  
at NATIONAL SPORTS CENTRE 3pm SUNDAY

BLACKTOWN CITY vs WOLLONGONG CITY  
at GABBIE STADIUM 3pm SUNDAY